

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

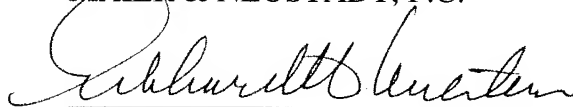
Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 5-7, 19 and 23-26 are presently active in this application. Claims 1 and 19 having been amended, Claims 2-4, 8-18 and 20-22 canceled and new Claims 23-26 added by way of the present Preliminary Amendment.

Consequently, in view of the foregoing discussion and present amendments, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for examination. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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